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To
The Rev Cmr in Mysre

Sir,

I am [illegible] that since I fixed the Stocks of Rice & Paddy the old rice are with the merchants which are kept better than that fixed for the Stocks of new rice which are much and held upwards of 3 months 20 per cent less in value are with the depots & that as a result of the difference in their value difficulty is experienced in getting drawings in

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EVENUE COMMISSIONER
... MYSORE.

Bangalore, 17th February 1919.

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FROM

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Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

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To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
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SIR,

With reference to your letter No.G.12648/P.P. 134-18 dated the 27th December 1918 calling for my suggestions for getting out the old stock of rice from the merchants and for releasing jola that is represented to be rotting in Davangere, I have the honour to state that there is no longer any need to consider the former question as all control over prices has since been removed and as regards the latter, I enclose herein, for the information of Government a copy of Chitaldrug Deputy Commissioner's letter No.S.C.377 of 18-19 dated the 19th January 1919 and to invite kind reference to the instructions which I have issued for his future guidance in the matter in my letter to him a copy of which I have submitted to Government with my letter No.F.C.56 dated 13th/14th February 1919.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Revenue Commissioner.

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From

The *Revenue Commissioner in Mysor*

To Chief

The Secretary to the Government of
H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
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Dated 17th February 1919.

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SUBJECT.

Re the suggestions for getting out the old stock of rice from the merchants and for leasing jola that is represent- to be rotting in Davangere.

Letter No.S.C.377 of 18-19 dated 19th January 1919, from the Deputy Commissioner, Chitaldrug District, to the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, Bangalore.

With reference to your memo No.F.C.87 dated the 31st ultimo calling for my opinion in the matter of reduction of prices between old and new rice etc., I have the honour to state that in the letter No.G.12648/P.P.134-18 dated the 27th idem from the Chief Secretary to you, copy of which has been forwarded with your memo under reply, it is said that "difficulty is experience in getting the former stocks (old stocks of rice) out" owing to the price fixed for the old rice being 20% more than fixed for the new rice.

It is presumed that the difficulty is not in getting out old stocks but the new crop, on account of this great difference in the prices of old and new stocks and I think that a differenc of 10% between the two would be quite fair.

As regards the representation to Government that large quantities of jawari are rotting at Davangere, I beg to state that owing to the issue now and then of priority certificates to foreign merchants to export jola, and owing to the way that the Agent, Hubli Grain Association has been unceasingly agitati for permission to export his stocks and the large amount of correspondence that has taken place on the subject, there has been created a feeling among the merchants here, that in spite of the prohibitions against export of jola and other grains, people can still manage to secure priority certificates for the export of jola, and hence they have been withholding jola stocks from the market. In the course of my enquiries and inspection at Davangere I found very small quantities of jola put up for sale, and I found that it was in a majority of cases only <u>rotten jola</u>, that had been so exposed, as against ragi which was exposed in fairly large quantities. Not only this, but not a single merchant was willing to sell it at more than

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10 seers a rupee, and this at a time when the first jola crop is almost in sight! Enquiries showed that they were holding up the stocks, and retaining good jola for purposes of export. So long as the merchants were convinced that no more permission for export was to be granted, the stock holders freely brought their stocks to the market and good jola was actually selling at 12 to 14 seers a rupee for some time. But owing to the causes referred to above, the market has again been disturbed, and people accustomed to jola are being driven to buy ragi instead, and are thus being put to a lot of inconvenience. In fact it has been my experience, that the mere issue of one or two priority certificates for export by the Director of Civil Supplies, Bangalore, many a time upset the jola market in Davangere. It will thus be seen that the cry that large stocks of jola are rotting in Davangere, is raised clearly by interested parties, who have not yet lost hope of making money, and if jola is rotting they are themselves responsbile for it.

I would therefore strongly urge the urgent need there is of making the merchants clearly understand, that no priority certificates will ever be issued. This is the only way to create stability in the market and ease the situation, and save the poorer classes from the want of jola that they have been experiencing, quite contrary to what actually should, in view of the standing crops, have been the case.

In this connection I beg to enclose for your information extract from letter No.191 dated 13th instant from the Preside Davangere Municipality.

During my recent tour in Davangere and Harihar my enquiri showed that there is yet another and even greater reason why jola is not being offered for local consumption even in normal quantities, viz., the recent orders of Government rescinding Rule 2 of Government Notification No.G.9387/P.P.134-18-21 date 23rd Novembe

23rd November 1918, which while removing all restrictions on the movement of food grains by road from one place to another within the State, have prescribed, that quantities not exceeding one palla of jola etc., do not require any permission for transport to villages suited within 10 miles of the British border. The effect of such a relaxation in case of Davangere and Harihar where the next railway station is only 6 miles by road from Harihar, is obvious. Those disposed to profiteering, and their name is legion, have been most jubilant over this, and they have redoubled their efforts in their old methods! As I am making a separate reference on the subject, I do not enter into further details in the matter.

It would also appear that the retail merchants are not able to secure sufficient stocks of jola because of the great difference between the wholesale and the retail rates fixed in Government Notification No.G.9338/P.P.134-18-22 dated 25th November 1918. According to this a retail merchant who may set up a shop next door to a wholesale shop and buy his stock from the latter, at once makes a profit of no less than Rs.1-8- per palla, which the wholesale merchant considers a great injustice to himself. The merchants represent that 4 annas per palla would be a fair profit for a retail merchant and hence I would request early orders fixing the wholesale and the retail prices so as to give the retail merchant a margin of no more than 8 annas per palla which would be quite ample. With a view, in the meantime, to avoid the existing difficulty, I have asked the Sub Division Officer to issue licenses if need be to wholesale merchants also to sell retail.

Under these circumstances, I would strongly urge that no more export should be permitted, since whatever was possible has already been allowed to be exported during the past two months.

C o p y ."

For Revenue Commissioner.

Extract from letter No.191 dated 16th January 1919 from the President, Davangere Municipality, to the Deputy Commissione Chitaldrug.

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As regards the stock of jolam at Davangere I beg to state that as per recent returns of stocks the quantity of jolam at Davangere was pallas 7808 of which 2500 pallas have been reserved for consumption in the town during the next 3 months.

Out of the remaining quantity of 5308 pallas the stock owners in the town have disposed of 2187 pallas up to date after obtaining licenses for the sale of the same, and thus the quanti ty now available in the town is only 3121 pallas.

As the jolam of the present harvest has not as yet come to the market, it is not possible now to say that the future requirements of the town will be fully supplemented by the crop.

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" C o p y "

For Revenue Commissioner.